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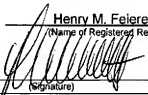
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In re Application of:)
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Appl. No.: 10/540,988) Group Art Unit: 3673
Filing Date: January 20, 2006) Confirmation No: 9572
For: SEWER PIPE)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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A) Europe	EP 0 499 885 A1	Fränkische Rohrw.	08-26-1992

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached reference has been considered and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the issuance of a first office but before issuance of a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311. The fee of \$180.00 set forth in 1.17(p) is enclosed.

In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes a connecting element for corrugated pipes with at least two connecting ends, of which at least one connecting end is formed by a hollow-cylindrical connecting nozzle. The connecting element consists of two half shells which are split in the plane containing the axes of the connecting ends and have nozzle half shells (2a,2b,2c), and the latter can be connected to one another in that position in which they are placed one on top of the other and in which their shell wall edges (11a,11b,11c) rest on one another. A sealing half ring (18a,21) is arranged in each nozzle half shell, and a sealing profile (22b), which extends in the longitudinal direction of the associated shell wall edges, is arranged in each case in the region of the shell wall edges between the dividing surfaces of the half shells.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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